

**It's not just a few bucks  
between friends.**



## **Bribery**

Bribery occurs when a contractor misrepresents the cost of performing work by compensating a government official for permitting contract overcharges to increase contractor profit.

**Recognize and Report Fraud in  
Federally Funded Programs,  
Contracts, and Grants**

**(800) 424-9071**

*U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General*

## Selected “Red Flag” Indicators of Bribery

- ✓ Other government inspectors at the job site notice a pattern of preferential contractor treatment
- ✓ Government official has a lifestyle that exceeds his or her salary
- ✓ Contract change orders lack sufficient justification
- ✓ Oversight officials socialize with, or have business relationships with, contractors or their families
- ✓ Involvement of an unnecessary middleman or broker
- ✓ Contracting employee declines promotion to a non-procurement position
- ✓ Contracting employee insists contractors use a certain subcontractor or broker
- ✓ Keen interest by a contracting employee in the award of a contract on purchase order to a particular contractor or vendor

### Contact OIG using any of the following methods:

**Online complaint form:** [www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp](http://www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp)

**Telephone:** (800) 424-9071

**Fax:** (540) 373-2090

**E-mail:** [hotline@oig.dot.gov](mailto:hotline@oig.dot.gov)

**Mail:** USDOT Inspector General  
P.O. Box 708  
Fredericksburg, VA 22404-0708

*Note:* The OIG Hotline is obligated to expeditiously forward all safety-related complaints to USDOT's safety regulatory agencies for action, as appropriate.

